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Bishop Confirms



The Most Rev. John G. Bennett (center), bishop of the Lafayette Catholic Diocese, is shown conferring confirmation on a St. Joseph's College student with a Negro classmate as the sponsor. The recipient is William Duff (kneeling left), of Russell, Ky., who chose his classmate, Ivan Boykin, from Springfield, Ill. as the sponsor. Both the students are Catholic converts studying for the priesthood. With Bishop Bennett before the high altar of the college chapel are the Rev. R. H. Esser, college vice-president, and James Froelich, seminarian.

Alumni Fund Donors to Date . . .

229 CONTRIBUTE \$1,651.50

Two hundred and twenty-nine members of the Alumni Association have responded to our annual appeal in behalf of the Alumni Sustaining Fund. They represent only 6 1/4 per cent of the total membership and have contributed a total of \$1,651.50.

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Calumet Group Calls Feb. 16 Meet at Noll

Curosh Issues Call to Re-Form, Hear President

Invitations have been sent to members of the Calumet Region Chapter of St. Joseph's College Alumni Association, urging them to attend the first post-war meeting of the Chapter to be held in Bishop Noll High School, Hammond, Wednesday evening, Feb. 16, at 7:30 o'clock.

Members will hear talks by the president of St. Joseph's, the Rev. Alfred J. Zanolar, and the Rev. Boniface Dreiling, moderator of the Lake County Club on the campus. Secretary of the club, John W. Lynch, Jr., will explain to alumni of the Calumet Region the aims and purposes of the Lake County Club at St. Joseph's.

A record attendance is anticipated, according to William Curosh, a director of the Alumni Association, over whose name the invitations were issued.

Vets' Club Gives Flag in Memory of Father Falter

An American flag in memory of the Rev. Clement Falter, former member of the faculty and first American chaplain killed in the European theatre of operations in World War II, was presented to the college by the Father Falter Post on Monday, Nov. 8, sixth anniversary of the death of Father Falter.

The ceremony of presentation and blessing of the new flag took place at the foot of the flagpole on the north campus. Making the presentation was Mr. William Ciminelli, commander of the Post. The college president, the Rev. Alfred J. Zanolar, accepted the flag and blessed it before it was hoisted and unfurled. He thanked the veterans for their gift and paid tribute to the deceased chaplain.

Allegiance Pledged

Mr. Richard Scheiber, moderator of the Veterans' Club, recalled for the students assembled for the ceremony some of the interesting facts in the life of Father Falter on the campus, as chaplain, and in the hours immediately before his death.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was repeated in unison by the assembly before the colors were lowered to half mast in memory of Father Falter; taps were sounded, and the ceremony ended.

Music was furnished by the College Band.

National Officers Set Alumni Days, Discuss Plans

Will Announce Big News After Feb. 13 Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Joseph's College Alumni Association met at St. Joseph's, Sunday, Jan. 23, to consider matters which have arisen since the general meeting held in August.

Definite plans were laid to revivify alumni units in various sections of the country. It is hoped that the president and members of the college faculty will be able to address the units at times favorable for the members.

It was thought advisable to set dates for the annual alumni days that members of the association might be informed and be able to make plans to attend. The dates chosen are July 9, 10, 11.

The officers present were: The Rev. James Conroy, president; Mr. Thomas Medland, 1st vice president; Mr. Clarence Sieben, 2nd vice president; the Rev. Charles Davitt, secretary; the Rev. Joseph Otte, treasurer; Mr. William Kozielski and Mr. William Curosh, members of the Board of Directors. Two members were unavoidably absent: Dr. Walter Barth and Mr. Joseph La Mere.

An important announcement of interest to all alumni will be made following the meeting which is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 13.

New Aid for Walter



Laborious taking of notes in Braille while attending college classes is a thing of the past for Walter Johnson (center), blind sophomore honor student at St. Joseph's.

Walter is shown demonstrating a new, portable recording device, loaned to him for the duration of his college career by the INDIANAPOLIS STAR. With the "Soundscraper" Walter can now comfortably record classroom lectures, and then play them back on records in his private room. Above are Kenneth Allman (left), Jasper County Welfare Director and long-time friend of Walter, and the Rev. Cletus Kern, registrar at St. Joseph's and the first of Walter's professors to use the new device.

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Glimpses of the Wasteland . . .

Thus far in this series of editorials attention has been drawn to Western society's intellectual dissipation and to the fact that it is through a long line of incompatible forebears that modern man "has come honestly by" this lust for mental meandering. The process has been cumulative. Millions have strayed from the central oasis of Catholic truth to follow centrifugal desires into arid deserts, desires that leap beyond everwidening horizons and beckon to empty mirages. One may seem to exaggerate the condition; priests are sometimes thought to do so from a professional bias. But two of the most widely discussed poets of our time (to mention only two) do not misce images as they diagnose the psycho-somatic sickness of modern man living in "the wasteland." In symbols that are more trenchant than pleasing, T. S. Eliot records the emptiness of much contemporary thinking void of spiritual wisdom, the terrifying futility of mutually destructive activities, the aridity of life itself tending to become unendurable because men are without faith and direction. With a sort of blasphemous hopelessness he depicts "the hollow men, the stuffed men, leaning together, headpiece filled with straw . . . their dried voices meaningless as rats' feet in our dry cellar," man lying prone "like a patient etherized upon a table" or wandering in a yellow fog through a dead land of stony images praying to broken idols. Not by mere casual choice was Eliot given the Nobel prize and recognition as the outstanding interpreter of our age. Ironically significant, too, is the fact that, for the spiritual starvation he felt, Eliot has more recently sought nourishment in the half-way house of Anglicanism, that Hamlet-religion which endlessly twists its meat on the spit of to-be-or-not-to-be, so that the succulence is long since desiccated. The poet whom I shall next quote has entered a Trappist monastery, where he finds "artesian secrets for the roots of love."

With fine satire, this younger man, Thomas Merton, pens his *Ode to the Present Century*, addressing it to "my prudent citizen . . . nearly dead," for whom "the cops and doctors

Chart the reeling of your clockwise reason
Flying in spirals to escape philosophy,
While life's eliptic drives you like an arrow
To the pit of pain."

The clogging of thought-channels he symbolizes as "frozen understanding that separates and dies in flocs." Christ spoke of the branches that wither and the blind that lead the blind into the ditch.

Just the effusions of a couple of poets, some will say—poets viewing the world near-sightedly. The truth is, of course, that poets have ever been the seers who pierce beneath the make-believe; the mountain dwellers who see life in perspective. Catholics may be so spiritually obtuse and so deeply immersed in their local material affairs as to be quite unaware of the near-triumph of accumulating forces of evil all around them. But the Holy Father, who speaks by higher inspiration than do the greatest poets, has repeatedly warned us that we totter at the brink of a precipice. His words are not idle words.

Now it should be borne in mind that in the human drama ideas underlie action; in the powerhouse of every world movement is the dynamo of an ideal, right or wrong, good or bad. and even supposing that the vision of these poets is somewhat myopic, the condition essentially as they depict it is to be found in those miniature worlds, those vortexes of human ideas and incubators of new thought, the schools of higher learning. Traditionally the great universities have espoused the cause of youth, liberalism, experimentation, and free thought. Wittingly or unwittingly they have often been either the spear-heading phalanx or the irresponsible camp rabble of radical attacks on established truth and revealed religion. There also have been nourished certain teachers who have rationalized rebellion and unbelief and disintegration and then made them shibboleths. It is most logical, therefore, that many thousands of impressionable youth have discarded faith in divine teaching and with it moral standards because they have been lead to believe such apostasy necessary for access to the literati. Many thousands of young Catholics, having attended great state schools, have emerged "hollow men . . . their heads filled with straw," and have thereafter remained gilded and gelded Catholics, not militant soldiers of Christ but very impassive members of the Mystical Body. Often by their crass ignorance of the Catholic viewpoint and siuful indifference concerning Catholic practice they make positive contribution to society's greater confusion.—Rev. R.H. Esser

Alumni Quickies

Chaplain (Major) **Urban J. Wurm**, '29-'33, priest of the diocese of Toledo and President of the Army Chaplains' Board located at Ft. Meade, Md., will leave for Japan about Feb. 1 . . . Father Wurm, entered military service in January, 1941 and served in Africa, Sicily, England, France, Belgium and Germany . . . among his decorations are the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Croix de Guerre, and the European Theatre ribbon with seven bronze battle stars . . . Sincere congratulations to **Gil Hodges**, '41-'43, Brooklyn Dodgers' first baseman, who married Miss Joan Lombardi in St. Gregory's church, Brooklyn, on Dec. 27; to **Paul**, '16-'19, and Mrs. Birkmeier of Delphos, Ohio on the birth of Kristen Elizabeth on Dec. 9; and to **Paul**, '47-'48, and Mrs. Riche of Jeffersonville, Ind., who are rejoicing over the birth of their first child, Paul Martiu, on Dec. 21 . . . Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of **James Brennan**, '45-'46, pre-medical student at the University of Dayton, who was fatally injured when his auto crashed head-on into a steel utility pole on Dec. 11 . . . Jim was well prepared to die—he had been to confession just a few hours before the fatal accident and had intended to receive Holy Communion the following morning . . . **Father Otto Peters**, '07-'11, has resigned his pastorate at Sacred Heart church, Fowler, Ind., because of ill health . . . **Father Donald Hardebeck**, '34-'39, former assistant at St. Lawrence, Muncie, has been assigned to Our Sorrowful Mother church, Wheatfield, his first pastorate, replacing Father Peters' successor . . . Be sure to tune your radios on those weekday mornings at nine a.m. central time from Feb. 14 to 19 inclusive, to station WBAA, West Lafayette . . . you'll hear a series of brief talks by **Father Alfred Zanolar**, '25-'27, St. Joseph's president . . . **Father J. A. Green**, '25-'27, is serving as adviser for a vocational institute and workshop for "would-be religious," Feb. 2-3-4 . . . the project is being conducted by the Sisters of Mercy of the Holy Cross at Merrill, Wis. . . . The postmaster in Tacoma, Wash., informed **Contact!** recently that **Rudy M. Gildehaus**, '41-'43, had moved to a new address in Tacoma . . . two days later the postmaster advised that Rudy had moved again, this time to General Delivery, Palm Springs, Cal. . . . **Sylvan Cook**, '22-'23, is doing a good job of rounding up prospective St. Joe men around Chesterton, Ind. . . . You other alumni in places where there are no Catholic high schools are invited to do the same . . . A viewbook, with the college in full, modern dress, will be off the presses soon and is yours for the asking . . . will help you sell St. Joseph's . . . **Bob Doran**, '43-'47, has organized his own ten-piece dance band and has been playing down around West Lafayette, Ind. . . . The new master of studies at the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Ill., is the **Very Rev. Gerard R. Joubert**, O.P., S.T.L., Ph.D., '26-'31 . . . his name during St. Joe days was Rouleau Joubert . . . Reviews of two books written by alumni appeared in a recent issue of **The Priest** . . . they were **Economic Factors of Delinquency**, by **Father Cletus Dirksen**, '25-'26, and **History of St. John's Parish**, by **Father Edwin Kaiser**, '09-'15 . . . **Contact!** has just been informed of the death of **Leonard R. Partee**, '15-'19, of Burlington, Wis., on March 19, 1948, and extends sympathy to Mrs. Partee and the two children . . . The meeting of the Chicago alumni chapter, set for Tuesday, Jan. 25, featured football movies and Chicago Bears full-back Joe Osanski, with **Ed McElroy**, '40-'43, handling the arrangements . . . as usual, it was at Sieben's . . . **Dan Dreiling**, '25-'26, visited the campus Dec. 14 and watched St. Joe's basketball Pumas win a thriller from Wabash, 52-50 . . . Judge of Municipal Court in Indianapolis is **Joseph M. Howard**, '15-'18 . . . That "Fighting 69th feature in the **Our Sunday Visitor** youth section was launched by St. Joseph's national alumni president, **Father James Conroy**, '26-'32 . . . heaming the sixth and ninth commandments directly at youth, the series has a charm all its own . . . Representing St. Joseph's at the December Roosevelt-Emerson high school football banquet in Gary, were head football coach **Dick Scharf**, '34-'38, line coach **Fred Jones**, '35-'39, and **Father Edward Roof**, '18-'23, Puma athletic director who also said grace . . . Present St. Joe students, among them John W. Lynch, Jr., of Hammond, have been drumming up interest among alumni of Lake County . . . there'll be an organizational meeting of oldtimers soon . . . You can look for big things soon growing out of the meeting at St. Joseph's, Jan. 23, of the national alumni officers . . . **John Paylo**, '45-'46, recently graduated from De Paul University law school, has been appointed city attorney of Whiting, Ind., his hometown . . . **David Vigil**, '45-'47, is drafting and designing for the Eidal Mfg. Co. of Albuquerque, N. Mex. . . . he plans to return to the University of New Mexico to obtain his degree in engineering.

John Feicht, '40-'43, assistant coach and teacher of bookkeeping and health at St. Mary's high school, Sandusky, Ohio, is proud of his bookkeeping class which won first place in a state-wide test . . . John attended the summer session at the University of Pittsburgh last July and August . . . **Father Joseph Hiller**, '13-'19, attended a regional meeting of diocesan DP directors in Cincinnati January 19 . . . among the displaced persons whom Father Hiller has helped relocate in the Lafayette Diocese is the former assistant secretary for agriculture in Hungary . . . **Professor Paul Tonner** of St. Joseph's music department has released the following musical compositions during the past year: Missa, Lady of Fatima, mixed voices; Three Lenten Choruses, mixed voices; Bless us Dearest Lord, vocal solo, high and low editions; Slumber Thou Beautiful King, mixed voices . . . **Father John Baechle**, '25-'30 is now first vice-president of the Indiana Audubon Society.

Essay Contests To Close May 1

The Rev. Rufus Esser has announced the opening of the two annual contests which determine the best of student endeavor in the fields of formal essays and creative writing. All students interested in writing are urged to enter this year's race for literary approval and cash awards. They will have until May 1 to ready their entries.

The Alumni Essay Contest will offer awards of \$25.00 and \$15.00 to the students who present the best factual (formal) essays of approximately 1500 words. The subject matter is not restricted in any way; hence, the essay may deal with any subject whatever. In order, however, that it merit classification as an essay, it must have literary quality, that is, attention must be paid to interest, organization, diction, style, etc. Consult your text or instructor concerning definition and qualities of the essay.

Fifty-Dollar Prize

The Mary J. Pursley Award for Creative Writing will offer \$50.00 to the writer of the best composition which merits the classification "creative writing." This branch takes in short stories, one-act or longer plays, personal or familiar essays, and poems at least fourteen lines in length. The latter rule allows for the entrance of sonnets. As in the factual essay contest, subject matter for these entries may be gathered from any field.

General instructions for both divisions are as follows: 1) Both contests are open to all St. Joe students. 2) Entries must be original, and may not include former prize-winners. 3) More than one entry may be submitted for the same contest, but a different pen-name must be used for each. 4) Three typed copies must be submitted. (Double spaced, carbon copies acceptable.) 5) The title page must present the title, pen-name and name of the contest. 6) Along with the entries, an envelope bearing the title and pen-name and containing the name of the author must be presented. 7) Entries are to be given to Father Esser or any other English instructor, who will relay them to Father Esser. 8) Entries will be judged on their literary content and form. But a reasonable degree of neatness, correctness, and precision in typing and general format is expected. Conspicuous slovenliness or the opposite, excessive embroidering of the title page, is apt to injure chances of favorable reception.

College Yule Party Provides Fun for All

According to tradition, St. Joseph's held its annual Christmas party December 16, in the college cafeteria. The party was sponsored by the student council in conjunction with Miss Skinner, the school's dietitian.

Students enjoyed a turkey dinner amid the yuletide setting of candles and Christmas tree. Santa Claus, (Bob Beeching) who was to appear at 6:00 p.m. and distribute presents to the worthies, was a trifle late. It is reported that he experienced some difficulty in tying up his reindeers.

Appreciation Shown Nuns

The student body gave the good Sisters of the Precious Blood a present in appreciation of the work they have done this year.

Of all the presents given, our applause meter showed the one received by Chuck (Cuddles) Barton was most appropriate. Santa, knowing the largest pair of basketball trunks in the fieldhouse is size 46, gave the "big fellow" a "two way stretch" for Christmas. This was very thoughtful of the old gent with whiskers.

Stuff Historian
Relates Origin
Of Basketball

BY—WHO ELSE?

The word Basketball is a common one in sporting circles. It denotes an indoor game that can be enjoyed by several people, sometimes by as many as ten. The word is derived from two Greek terms, Bas, which means naked or half nude, and Ketal, which signifies "although" when written and "Wintertime" when spoken. These words have no bearing on the game itself, but are interesting if one wishes to show off how much Greek he knows.

Chinese Origin

The earliest proponents of the game were the ancient Chinese, although their version of the game was slightly different from the present-day one. They played on a felt-covered table about the size of a large desk, and there were six baskets instead of the two in common usage now. Another variation of the Chinese version was that they used solid ivory balls, rather than the air-filled leather ones of today. Since these ivory spheres were obviously too heavy to throw, the ingenious Chinese reduced the size of the ball to one with a two and one-half inch diameter, and increased the number of them to 16. They used long sticks, called "cues" (a Chinese word) to aid in making baskets.

Then, in the year 1453, a little-known explorer named Alexander Finnegan made a trip around the world, and brought the game from China to America, where it was received joyously everywhere except in Boston. It was banned there for 43 years, until it was changed to a game involving the present-day large leather ball. The Cabots thought the ivory ones were too cruel on elephants.

Popularity Jumps

Since this new type ball was obviously not fitted for use on the old style tables, the use of a large barn took preference, and the number of baskets was reduced to two. The game then jumped in popularity.

Basketball, as it is played today, involves two teams of five men each. The custom now outstanding in the United States is to have the men all seven feet tall, but this is not a prime requisite. The action starts when the ball is tossed into the air between two players, at which time every man surreptitiously jabs his opponents in the ribs. Then play begins, as one of the players bounces the ball down towards one of the baskets, and the referee blows his whistle again, stopping every-

Puma Gridders
To Receive J's

Monograms will be awarded to 26 St. Joseph's College football players at the spring sports banquet, according to an announcement by the Puma athletic board.

Those receiving the award will include Joseph Brosnahan, John Frawley, William Kelly, Robert Lamkin, Ronald Miniati, Alfred Murphy and Donald Ronan of Chicago; Maurice Angermeier, Charles Greif, Ed Schultheis and Roy Stone, Evansville, Ind.; Donald Quinn, Thomas Quinn and Gerald Wenzel, East Chicago, Ind.; Joseph Gavin and John Lucas of Gary, Ind.; Alfred Miesch and Tom Tysall, Hammond, Ind., and Ernest Bidwell and John Karibo, Louisville, Ky.

List Continued

Letters also will be awarded to Raymond Biller, Saugatuck, Mich.; John Bushell, Lincoln, Ill.; Edgar Cobbett, Mansfield, O.; William Hoban, Dayton, O.; Walter Moore, South Bend, Ind., and Clifford Beaver, Rensselaer, Ind.

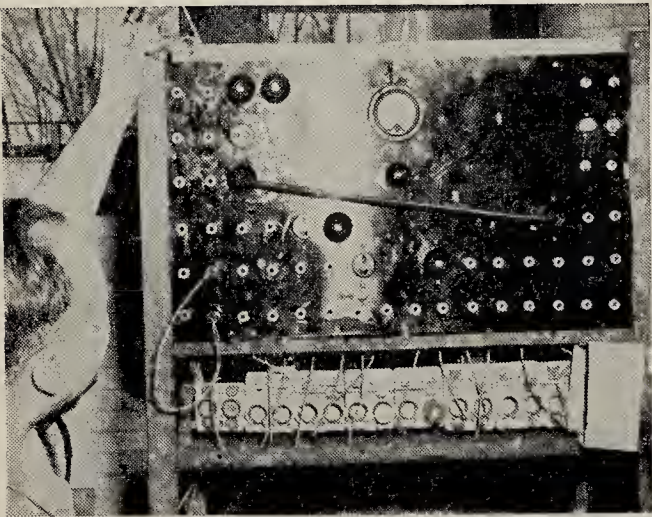
Lost by graduation or transfer from the 1948 squad will be William Kelly, John Lucas, and Charles Greif.

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REMAINING
GAMES

- Feb. 1—At DePaul
- Feb. 5—EASTERN ILL.
- Feb. 9—INDIANA STATE
- Feb. 12—At St. Ambrose
- Feb. 13—At Loras
- Feb. 19—ST. NORBERT
- Feb. 21—ANDERSON
- Feb. 1—At DePaul
- Feb. 28—At Indiana State
- Mar. 3—VALPARAISO

thing. When play resumes, one team passes the ball around until the five are tired, at which time they drop it through one of the baskets, and this gives the other team its chance to pass it around. Each time the referee catches a player giving an opponent a jab in the ribs, he fines him one foul. When a player accumulates five fouls, he is allowed to stop and take a shower. When a team runs out of players, the game stops. The team with the most players left at the end of the game is declared winner, and the audience then goes down to the local tavern to talk about how they could have done better.—Utah Cummings.

Unusual Switchboard



Pictured above is the Rev. Christian Staah with the switchboard he devised for the physics lab of Brunnerdale Seminary, Canton, Ohio. The switchboard gives different voltage to individual physics lab tables when the tables are plugged into the board's sockets. The switchboard will give six and 12 volts D.C. and 115 volts A.C. An instructor in physical science here, Father Staah also devised a wind tunnel while teaching at Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Basketeers Chalk
7 Wins, 6 Losses

BULLETIN

The St. Joe basketball Pumas now post a record of seven wins and six losses. Season's records to date:

66—Huntington	48
56—Loras	46
74—Canterbury	51
61—Chicago Teachers	40
51—Illinois Wesleyan	66
52—Wabash	50
54—St. Benedict's	48
45—Evansville	66
57—St. Ambrose	60
48—Valparaiso	49
70—St. Norbert	71
71—Ball State	85
65—Huntington	54

Puma basketeers journeyed to Jasper, Ind., on December 22 to battle with the Evansville five in a charity game, and suffered their second loss of the season. Bowing to Evansville by a score of 66-45, Collegeville's courtmen dropped to a .750 average, having won six and lost two. Ray Patterson, St. Joseph's bucket-banging ace, was high point man of the tilt, accounting for 15 of the 45 Puma points.

On December 8, the Puma forces met and defeated the Chicago Teachers College quintet by a score of 51-40. Forward Bill Krol was high point man for the Pumas with 12 tallies.

The Pumas suffered their first defeat of the season on December 9 at the hands of Illinois Wesleyan, in the Wesleyan gym. The Illinoisians accounted for 66 points, while St. Joe scored 51.

The game with Wabash College, played in the Puma fieldhouse, was in the last seconds of play, with the score tied at 50-all, when Chuck Barton, Puma ace, sank a field goal to break the tie and win the game for St. Joe, 52-50.

On December 17, St. Joe played host to the court quintet from St. Benedict's College. The game was a close, hard-fought one, and went into the final seconds of play with the Benedict squad leading by two points. With only a few seconds left, Jack Wilz, Puma forward, sank the tying bucket. In the overtime frame the Cardinal and Purple pulled ahead and took the tilt by a score of 54-48.

Student Relief
For Europeans
In Full Swing

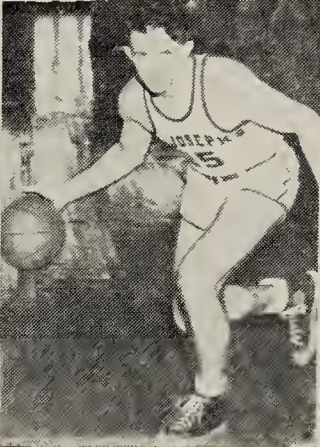
The St. Joseph's campaign for European Relief which got underway on Dec. 16 is now in full swing. Conducted by the local chapter of the National Federation of Catholic College Students, it will continue until March 3, when the drawing of prizes, a Chevrolet Sedan and a \$200 radio, will take place in the fieldhouse.

Chairman Joe McGrath reports that students have taken out approximately 2,700 books, and 3,200 more have been sent to alumni. If students continue their support, the \$3,000 goal should be reached. McGrath urges students to obtain donations at basketball games, in town, and while they are at home between semesters.

Each student is urged to do his share to make this campaign a success. The proceeds will help in educating students of foreign lands and aid in the fight against the anti-Christ movement overseas.

Recently Mayor Bahler of Rensselaer has given his permission to exhibit the Chevrolet on the streets in town and to receive donations.

Puma Captain



Ray Patterson, shifty junior guard from Loogootee, Ind., tops the Puma scoring column this season with 149 points in 12 games. He is playing his third regular season under Coach Art Cosgrove.

Jumping-Jack



Lanky Jack Wilz, freshman from Washington, Ind., utilizes his six feet, five inches of height to advantage in skillfully playing the backboards for the Puma Cagers.

Midlands League
Competition On

Varsity Basketball teams representing four Catholic colleges will comprise the 1948-'49 edition of the Midlands Conference. Squads from St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Ia., Loras College, Dubuque, Ia., St. Norbert's College, West DePaul, Wis., and St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, are to compete for honors.

The Rev. Edward Roof, St. Joseph's, Conference Secretary, has pointed out that each of the four teams will play a total of six hardwood tilts in conference competition. The schedule calls for Conference members to play each of their three opponents twice, on a home-and-away basis. Father Roof also indicated that St. Benedict's College of Atchison, Kan., has formally withdrawn from league competition. St. Benedict officials have stated that the relative distance of the college from the other Conference schools makes it difficult for travel.

Conference officials state that the league-leading team at the completion of the schedule will receive a trophy. Loras College won the 1947-'48 crown.

Doughnuts Pace
Xavier League

A sudden spurt by the "Doughnuts" enabled them to gain top position in the Xavier Hall senior league when, headed by Capt. Joe Sebastiani, they defeated Mark Feck's "Glorps" by a 41-38 score. The "Glorps" lost their captain in the second half when Feck suffered a sprained ankle; he will probably not see action for some weeks.

Several times during the game the score was knotted up, but toward the end of the second period fate smiled on the "Doughnuts" and the victory was theirs.

Meanwhile, in the Junior circuit the race seems to be a runaway. With Capt. Kalaf in the saddle, the "Tame Riders" have conquered every opponent, and they ride along with an immaculate record. The "Bulldozers," "Rough Riders" and the "Smiling Schmoos" may yet have something up their sleeves to check the Kalafites. With a few breaks the race may turn into a red-hot one.

Standings

	W	L
Senior League		
Doughnuts	4	2
Glorps	2	2
Wildcats	1	4
Junior League	W	L
Tame Riders	6	0
Bulldozers	3	2
Rough Riders	3	2
Smiling Schmoos	0	5

Grid Statistics
Totals Compiled
For '48 Season

A survey of statistics compiled during the 1948 gridiron season is indicative of an entirely different story than that of the win and loss record chalked up by the Cardinal and Purple squad in eight encounters. Comparative analysis of individual phases of play show the Pumas superior to their opponents in the ground-gaining first down, punting, and pass interception departments.

The two leading ground-gainers of the St. Joe eleven, in so far as average yardage is concerned, were Don Quinn and Al Miesch, both linemen. Quinn, an end, ripped off 12 yards in one attempt for an average of 12 yards per try, while Miesch, a guard, carried twice and picked up 14 yards for a seven-yard average. Wally Moore, diminutive halfback, followed with an average of 5.5 yards per try, the result of 391 yards in 70 attempts. Fullbacks John Frawley and Ray Biller racked up 4.8 yards-per-try averages respectively. Moore led the total yardage department with 391 yards, followed closely by Frawley who garnered an aggregate 351 yards.

Following is a complication of statistics for the 1948 season:

	S.J.	OP.
First downs	85	72
Yards rushing	1228	1091
Yards passing	537	641
Passes attempted	128	114
Passes completed	37	41
Passes intercepted	17	14
Yards interceptions ret'd	136	135
Punts	39	37
Punts, average yardage	32.8	32.1
Yards punts ret'd	692	517
Fumbles	38	33
Ball lost (fumbles)	18	21
Penalties	52	39
Yards lost (penalties)	493	322

INDIVIDUAL YARDAGE

	Att.	Ydg.	Av.
Frawley, fb	73	351	4.8
Moore, hb	70	391	5.5
Biller, fb	34	156	4.5
Fleck, hb	14	43	3.0
Angermeier, hb	7	23	3.1
Bidwell, hb	19	60	3.1
Lamkin, hb	18	49	2.7
Hoban, qb	17	-34	-2.0
Miesch, g	2	14	7.0
D. Quinn, e	1	12	12.0
Beaver, hb	52	133	2.5
Hummel, hb	5	16	3.2
Schubert, hb	5	12	2.4
Karibo, qb	3	-4	-1.3
T. Quinn, qb	9	8	.8
Totals	329	1230	3.7



Fifty-eight years have seen St. Joseph's faculties come and go. Here's a picture of one of the earliest, taken in 1905. Back row, left to right, they are: Jos. Baunach; The Revs. Theodore Saurer, Gerard Hartjens, Bartholomew Besinger; Prof. Leonard C. Klosterman. Middle row: Revs. Nicholas Greiwe, Simon Kuhnmuensch, Arnold Weymann, Ildephonse Rapp, Vitus Schuette, Pius Kanney. Bottom row: The Revs. Basil Didier, Luke Rath, Augustine Seifert, Clement Schuette, Hugo Lear.

St. Joe New Home of D. P.; Story Shows Nazi Cruelty

BY UTAH CUMMINGS

St. Joseph's College is now the home and the latest point of rest in the long series of moves and shifts made by one of war-torn Europe's Displaced Persons.

Collegeville is the terminal point of an eight-year journey through Nazi-occupied Lithuania, German concentration camps, and finally American havens in Germany. It is the end of travel in boxcars, in trains crowded to the point that everyone had to stand, since there was no room to sit or lie down, and of a ride in a steamship, through the help of the Displaced Person's Resettlement Bureau, to America.

Nazis Take Over

Vincent Bartkevisus was a boy in his teens in a small town in Lithuania, when the German army marched in and took over the government. He was conscripted for work, when he refused to fight for the Nazi Regime, and was shipped to a concentration camp in Southern Germany.

The trip was made in boxcars—10,000 people in one train, jammed together so tightly that there was no room to do more than stand. For three days Vincent travelled in this fashion,—three days without food or water, during which some of the travellers died, but the bodies could not be removed until the end of the trip.

Goes to Labor Camp

The destination was a labor camp in Southern Germany, where the people were treated "worse than animals." An average of 100 people died every week during the winter months in the camp. For clothes, Vincent was given only a coat, a pair of pants, a cap, and a pair of wooden shoes, "like the ones you wear to take a shower in." These clogs were used as a pillow at night on the bare boards the prisoners slept on—so they wouldn't be stolen. They were

forced to work at building underground munitions factories for the Germans.

Vincent lived in these conditions until the American Army liberated him. The conditions were bettered then, but even the Americans were prejudiced, as they thought that D.P.'s were runaways, deserters, or traitors to their country. Vincent worked for the army, though, as a mechanic on the occupation troops' jeeps.

Comes to America

He put in his application to be transferred to America, but a two-year wait was in store for him before it could be accomplished. Finally, after the Displaced Person's Resettlement Bureau had found a job and a place for him to live, he was sent to New York, and from there to Rensselaer, Ind. He now works here on the St. Joseph's campus.

Vincent has been in America only a few weeks, and he knows very little English. He told his story through an interpreter, Vito Gotautus, a resident student of St. Joseph's, who speaks Lithuanian.

Studies English

Vincent, whose appearance belies his 24 years (he looks closer to 40), works as a mechanic and as a helper in the power plant at Collegeville. He can be seen in his odd moments poring over a Lithuanian-English dictionary, as part of his attempt to learn the language of his new country. At present, his main ambition is merely to become an American citizen.

St. Joseph's Father Hiller who is the director of the Displaced Person's Resettlement Bureau in the Lafayette, Ind., diocese, has placed a total of twelve people in

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Two-hundred couples gathered in the crowded ballroom of the Del Prado Hotel, near Chicago's lake shore, to enjoy an evening of dancing and entertainment sponsored by the Chicago Club of St. Joseph's College, Dec. 26.

Dancing continued from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. to the music of Bob Ruehle's orchestra, which was playing a repeat performance.

A gold hook presentation was instituted at the frolic, and many entertaining episodes took place. Many graduates and Indiana residents were in attendance.

this district. The first group was the family of Stanislaus Kic. Mr. Kic, his wife, and their three children are now living on a farm in the northern part of the diocese.

63 Colleges in Participation; Life of Riley Show Leading

Radio comedy has hit a new high in decency, according to the latest Radio Acceptance Poll report for the current listening season from St. Joseph's College headquarters.

RAP, composed of college students of all creeds across the nation, tabulated 8,213 votes on 1,620 ballots, covering the four-week period from Oct. 17 to Nov. 13. Programs were audited by students from 63 colleges and universities. Scoring was confined to the single basis of "good taste and all-round family acceptability." Since the opening four weeks of critical listening by collegians, 38 additional institutions have enrolled in the poll.

Life of Riley Leads

For the four-week period, the Life of Riley and Jack Benny shows were rated "highly acceptable," with the Eddie Cantor and Fred Allen programs tied for third with high "acceptable" ratings. Spaced closely behind the top four, in the order of acceptability, according to pollsters, are Red Skelton, Burns and Allen, Charlie McCarthy, Bob Hope, Phil Harris and Duffy's Tavern, rated well above the half-way mark between "barely acceptable" and "highly acceptable."

College-student monitors will "bend an ear" to radio comedy for 24 weeks of the current fall-winter-spring listening season, in an effort to find out what, if anything, is off-color or suggestive about them.

Conducted by NFCCS

The Radio Acceptance Poll is conducted by the National Federation of Catholic College Students through its press commission, with headquarters at St. Joseph's College, which finances the poll.

In 30 weeks of balloting last year, RAP totalled 65,981 votes on 16,067 ballots, culminating in the announcement that the Fibber McGee and Molly show was the only radio comedy program to win

a "highly acceptable" rating for the entire season. Pollsters said that Fibber and Molly have been "graduated" from RAP this year and won't be monitored.

RAP ratings are set up as follows:

From 100 to 75—Highly Acceptable.

From 74 to 25—Acceptable.

From 24 to minus 25—Barely Acceptable.

Minus 26 to minus 75—Unacceptable.

Minus 76 and below—Offensive.

Here are Radio Acceptance Poll results for programs audited during the four weeks from Oct. 17 to Nov. 13, inclusive:

Program	Cumulative* Rating	Class.
1. Life of Riley	78	HA
2. Jack Benny	75	HA
3. Eddie Cantor	68	A
4. Fred Allen	68	A
5. Red Skelton	65	A
6. Burns & Allen	63	A
7. Charlie McCarthy	61	A
8. Bob Hope	60	A
9. Phil Harris	56	A
10. Duffy's Tavern	56	A

*Composite ratings based on four weeks of RAP balloting.

NOTE!

St. Joseph's new view book will be off the presses within the next few weeks. Made up of many outstanding views from recent college annuals, the new volume will present an up-to-the-minute glimpse of St. Joseph's campus.

A copy will be mailed, free of charge, to all alumni who send a post-card request to Contact, Collegeville, including name and address.